

Franklin County Electoral Board

June 27, 2022

Minutes

Donna Cosmato called the meeting of the Electoral Board to order at 2:20 p.m. on June 27, 2022. Present were Electoral Board members: Kay Saleeby, Jody Brown, Donna Cosmato; the Director of Elections, Kay Chitwood; and visitors: Patrick Cosmato, Jenny Juranich, John Juranich, Kathy Meckley, Darrell Powell, Steve Quinnan, Rose Quinnan, Pam Sinex, and Debbie Vreeland.

Brown moved to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2022, meeting. Saleeby seconded the motion that then passed unanimously.

Cosmato reviewed the plans for the South District Regional Meeting on August 27, 2022. No action was necessary.

Cosmato asked Steve Quinnan if he would explain the request he made before the meeting. He was asking that the Electoral Board release the testing results of the electronic voting system that Franklin County uses in all elections. Chitwood asked if he wanted the results of the testing that supports the reason that the State Board of Election approves voting machines or the Logic and Accuracy testing that Franklin County conducts before every election. Brown explained that approving the machine is a state action that allows localities to choose one particular machine instead of another approved machine and that those results have to come from ELECT in Richmond. Saleeby explained how Logic and Accuracy testing is done and what the results have to be correct before the Board seals each machine that is used in each election. She also explained the reasons that machines cannot change from the time the Registrar's Office, the Electoral Board, the observer from the Republican Party, and the observer from the Democratic Party agree that each ImageCast Evolution tabulator has passed the Logic and Accuracy test. Mr. Quinnan explained that he wanted the results of the testing that the State Board of Elections conducts and had asked ELECT for it. Chitwood will contact ELECT and have them send the results to him.

At 2:40 p.m., Brown moved that the Electoral Board would go into Closed Session as described in the VA Code 2.2-3705.1 for the purpose of discussion Cybersecurity and Personnel. Saleeby seconded motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 3:15 p.m. Cosmato declared that the Electoral Board was back in Public Session and invited Meckley to return. Then, Brown moved and Saleeby seconded that we had discussed nothing but Cybersecurity and Personnel while in Closed Session. Cosmato held a recorded vote to certify the motion: Brown, aye; Saleeby, aye; and Cosmato, aye.

Chitwood reported that she would soon begin interviewing for the second full time staff member.


Chitwood reported that Franklin County would allow her to use funds for additional training that are available because we had no primary election in June. The Board and Chitwood agreed that setting up and closing up the ImageCast Evolution tabulator is necessary for all new OOE's and any experienced OOE's who have not set up and taken down the ImageCast Evolution tabulator in the past. The Board and Chitwood agreed that all OOE's need training on setting up and closing up the DemTech EPBs. Both of these additional trainings will focus only on setting up and closing up correctly; any OOE who needs training in how to use either machine will be addressed in individual trainings and reviewed briefly in General Training. Chitwood will schedule these additional training sessions between August 8 to 19 at the Franklin Center.

Chitwood will reserve the Franklin Center for one evening for Basic training for new OOE's between October 10 to 20. Chief training will be in the evening of October 18 at the Franklin Center. General Training will be October 24 to October 26 at the Franklin Center. The Board will have a work session on September 14.

The next Electoral Board meeting will be at the Registrar's request if one is necessary.

There being no further business, Cosmato adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m.


Respectfully submitted,


Jody D. Brown

Electoral Board, Secretary


Donna Cosmato

Electoral Board, Chairman


Kay Saleeby

Electoral Board, Vice Chairman